

I give and bequeath to my daughter Ruth Elizabeth Niles 55 dollars in the piece of  
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I give and bequeath unto my son Grafton Beale one mare weaver one boy one plow one cow  
and calf the sheep one hundred loads of furniture one barrel coat seven barrels of corn three hundred  
weight of pork to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Jane Lane one brown coat Boston 17  
hens and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Elvira M. Niles fifty dollars.


I give and bequeath unto my five grand children of every to Beale five dollars each

I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Sarah Elizabeth Lane one negro boy William  
to her and her heirs forever for the use of my daughter Margaret Jane Lane, until Sarah Elizabeth  
Lane comes to the age of twenty one

I will and bequeath all the rest of my estate both personal & real to be sold and  
divided equally between my children that is Emily M. Beale Elvira M. Niles Leary M. Niles  
Emeline B. Bond Lemuel L. Beale, Caroline L. Beale, Lucinda Higgins Grafton Beale, Margu-  
aret Lane Ruth E. Niles. If either of my children should die before this should come in force, I will that  
my trustees shall become guardians for their representatives so as not to stop the sale of my property,  
until there can be other guardians appointed for them

It is my will and desire that Lemuel L. Beale Richard M. Bond and Grafton  
Beale shall be my trustees in full power and authority to collect and receive all debts due or  
owing unto me and to pay all my just debts and to do all things as fully and clearly as I  
could do as if I was present and in proper person without taken out any letters of administra-  
tion on this my last will and testament in which for compensation I allow to my trustees  
five per cent in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of  
March eighteen hundred & fifty one. Lined Bealed pronounced by the testator  
James Beale of James Beale to be his last will and testament in the presence of us William  
King, William Bond Howard Griffith

Trustees  
William King  
William Bond  
Howard Griffith

James Beale of James 

State of Maryland, Montgomery County to wit:

On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 1859, came William Bond one of the subscribing  
witnesses to the last will and testament of James Beale of James, late of Montgomery County deceased,  
and made oath on the Holy Evangel of Almighty God, that he did see the testator being named, sign  
and seal this will, and that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will  
and testament, and that at the time of his so doing, he was to the best of his apprehensions, of sound  
and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that he subscribed his name to this will,  
as a witness in the presence, and at the request of the Testator; also in the presence of William King,  
and Howard Griffith the other subscribing witnesses thereto, who also subscribed the same in the  
Testator's presence.

Testified by  
John W. Spates Register.

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In the Name of God Amen I Martha Mitchell of Montgomery County and State of  
Maryland, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, and knowing the substantiality of life  
and the certainty of death, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

First, I commit my soul to God, who gave it, and my body to the dust from whence it was taken, requesting my executors, heirs or assigns, to have my justly earned, directly incurred, the necessary expenses of a wife to be paid (including tomb stones, not to cost more than twenty dollars) out of the proceeds of my estate.

2<sup>nd</sup> The debts that I may owe at my death, I direct and instruct my executors to pay all from the proceeds of my estate.

3<sup>rd</sup> To my sister Elizabeth Davis, I give and bequeath all that part of my real estate, lying and being in the town of Prossville, in the county of Montgomery and State of Maryland, being a part of a tract of land called Prossville, West of my house or eastern lot, adjoining the lands of William Poole, including my late residence to have and to hold during her natural life. - And after the death of the said Elizabeth Davis, the said real estate, I give and bequeath to my niece Rose Mancy, in fee simple.

4<sup>th</sup> In addition, I further give to my niece Rose Mancy, the first choice of my best feather beds and bedding - my best Bureau - large looking glass, sofa & sideboards, also my china tea set - silver filigree spoons and one old set silver tea spoons - cook stove - Ward robe and first choice of two large chests and closets, in fee simple.

5<sup>th</sup> To my niece Harriet Anne Robinson I give and bequeath in fee simple my lower or eastern lot of land, adjoining the lands of William Poole in the West and supposed to contain three acres more or less. This lot of land is also a part of the tract of land called Prossville lying and being in the town of Prossville.

In addition, I give to my niece Harriet Anne Robinson my second best bed and bedding - my second choice bureau, toilet stands and toilet looking glass - seven best parlor chairs and best large Walnut dining table, also my center table - my full size set of dining ware and one set of white stone china soup plates - one set silver teaspoons and one set silver table spoons.

6<sup>th</sup> To my sister Margaret Rice, I give one hundred and fifty dollars current money - my white crapes shawl and black velvet bonnet.

7<sup>th</sup> - To my sister Elizabeth Davis, I give and bequeath one hundred and fifty dollars current money and the residue of my household furniture and kitchen utensils.

8<sup>th</sup> The remainder of my wearing apparel, I give and bequeath to my three above named, to be equally divided between them, each to share alike.

9<sup>th</sup> For the execution of this my last will, I name and appoint my sisters Elizabeth Davis and Margaret Rice, Executors and trustees in and to the effect that I have heretofore made, I declare and publish this to be my last will and testament. The witness of which, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty fifth of March 1857

Elizabeth Davis  
Margaret Rice  
Martha Michael

State of Maryland, Montgomery County to wit:  
We the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 1857, said Frederick T. Poole, one of the subscribing witnesses to the last will and testament of Martha Michael, late of Montgomery County, deceased, and made oath in the Holy Evangelical of being by God, that he did see the testatrix herein named above, and that this will and testament that he heard her publish, pronounce and declare the same to be her last will and testament, and that at the time of her so doing, she was to the best of his apprehension of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that he subscribed his name to this will as a witness, in the presence, and at the request of the testatrix, also in the presence of Thomas Poole and William M. Poole, the other subscribing witnesses thereto, who also subscribed the same in the testatrix's presence.

Witnessed by John M. Spates, Register.

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